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Sec. 5-34. - Destruction or confinement of animal bitten by a known rabid animal.

Animals not vaccinated against rabies which are bitten by a known rabid animal shall be immediately destroyed, unless the owner or keeper agrees to strict isolation of the animal at a veterinary hospital for a period of six months at the owner's or keeper's expense. If the animal has a current rabies vaccination, it shall be revaccinated and confined for a period of six weeks and then returned to the owner or keeper.

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Sec. 5-34 – Report and postexposure management of animals with known or suspected exposure to rabies.

- (a) *Reporting.* Every animal which has been exposed or is suspected of being exposed to a rabid animal shall be promptly reported to the animal control division.
- (b) *Postexposure Management.* Reports of rabies exposures shall be investigated by the animal control division. Rabies postexposure management shall be initiated in accordance with the rule adopted by the Guilford County Board of Health, which is based on the recommendations and guidelines for rabies postexposure management of dogs and cats specified by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in the 2016 edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (Part I.B.5: Postexposure Management – and as amended thereafter). These provisions of the Compendium shall be the required control measures pursuant to G.S. 130A-197.